

# **The Law Is Clear**

## **- No Raiding Allowed**

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**"Sums deposited in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be available for expenditure under this chapter for grants under this chapter without fiscal year limitation. Notwithstanding section 1402(d)(5), all sums deposited in the Fund in any fiscal year that are not made available for obligation by Congress in the subsequent fiscal year shall remain in the Fund for obligation in future fiscal years, without fiscal year limitation."** [42 U.S.C. 10601(c); amended Pub. L. 106-386; Oct. 28, 2000]

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**"[The cap] is continued to ensure a stable source of funds will remain available for the program, despite inconsistent levels of criminal fines deposited annually into the fund."** [FY 2005; House Rpt. 108-576]